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SUBJECT: WEST BANK PEACE PROCESS, ISRAELI CABINET DECISION,  
COMMENTS BY CARTER, VANCE, AND JAVITS

1. ALL PAPERS FEATURE STATEMENTS OF AMERICAN OFFICIALS ABOUT PEACE PROCESS. AL-FAJR (PRO-PLO) EDITORIAL ACCUSES U.S. OF "HINTING AT A POSSIBLE U.S. PROPOSAL...TO BLOCK A GENEVA CONVENTION...WITH PARTICIPATION OF ALL PARTIES..." AL-QUDS' (MODERATE, PRO-JORDANIAN) EDITORIAL FOR THE SECOND DAY RUNNING ABANDONS ITS LONG STANDING OPTIMISTIC PATIENCE TOWARD SADAT INITIATIVE.

2. ALL THREE DAILES HEADLINE VANCE STATEMENT ON ULTIMATE LINKAGE OF WEST BANK AND GAZA TO JORDAN, PRES. CARTER'S "SATISFACTION" WITH SADAT'S RESPONSE TO ISRAELI CABINET DECISION AND HIS REQUEST TO SADAT FOR EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL FOR OCCUPIED TERRITORY.

3. SEN. JAVITS' SPEECH ALSO RECEIVES PROMINENT COVERAGE IN ALL PAPERS WITH AL-FAJR FOCUSING ON SEANTOR'S REMARKS IN UNCLASSIFIED

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ITS EDITORIAL WHERE JAVITS VEIWS "CONFIRM" U.S. PREFERNCE FOR (A) "MORE FLEXIBLE ISRAELI STAND" TO PREVENT "DESPERATE MOVES" BY SADAT WHICH CANNOT BE CONTROLLED, AND (B) MORE CONCESSIONS FROM EGYPT WHILE (C) ILLUSTRATING EMBARRASSING POSITION OF ISRAEL'S U.S. FRIENDS AS A RESULT OF BEGIN'S RIGID POSITIONS." AL-FAJR EDITORAIAL CONCLUDES THAT HINTS OF AMERICAN PLAN TO "BLOCK THE

POSSIBILITY OF A GENEVA CONFERENCE WHERE THE U.S. AND  
SOVIET UNION WOULD HAVE EQUAL INFLUENCE AND EFFECTIVENESS."

4. AL-QUDS EDITORIAL "CATASTROPHE INSTEAD OF PEACE"  
CRITICIZES THE U.S. FOR "THROWING THE BALL BACK TO EGYPT"  
INSTEAD OF REQUESTING FROM ISRAEL 'A CLEARER AND MORE  
FRANK ANSWER' TO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE  
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. THE WRITER BELIEVES U.S. "NON-  
CHALLENGE" TOWARDS "ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE" IS "INEVITABLY  
LEADING THE AREA TO CATASTROPHE." THE COMMENTARY CONCLUDES  
FOR "THE ARABS OF PEACE SETTLEMENTS" THAT THEIR AWAITING  
"THE LEGENDARY AMERICAN PRESSURE" ON ISRAEL WILL "STRETCH

TO NO END AS LONG AS ITS INTERESTS IN THE ARAB WORLD  
ARE UNTHREATENED..."

5. "ASH'AB" (INDEPENDENT, PALESTINIAN NATIONALIST)  
FASHIONS ITS HEADLINE ON AMERICAN REACTION TO THE ISRAELI  
CABINET DECISION TO INCLUDE "WASHINGTON, IN  
CRITICIZING BEGIN'S INTRANSIGENCE, FEELS HIS STAYING  
IN OFFICE HINDERS PROGRESS TOWARDS PEACE.." TEXT  
OF STORY INCLUDES QUOTES FROM NYT RESTON'S COMMENTARY  
ON INITIAL U.S. SILENCE TOWARD DECISION.  
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